(b) whether rules governing their transfers are being observed in the branches located in Indore and Delhi; and

(c) what is the number of officers who have remained posted at one place for over three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have issued guidelines for rotation of officers every 3 years and of award staff every 5 years posted in branches/offices. State Bank of Indore has advised there is no stipulation for the maximum period of stay at a centre/city including those of Bombay, Indore and Delhi etc.

(b) and (c) Information is being ascertained and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Tea in Orissa

705. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether commercial production of tea has started in the tea plantations undertaken in the non-traditional areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total areas in that State brought under the tea plantations so far; and

(c) the areas where production has started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Commercial production of tea has started in Orissa in September, 1987 in Bhuyanpirh Tea Estate of Keonjhar district where an area of 110 hectares has been brought under tea plantation so far.

Opening of Regional Rural Banks

706. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open more Regional Rural Banks during the financial year 1988-89;

(b) if so, what is the number of new branches of banks proposed to be opened in Orissa in the above financial year;

(c) what are the new schemes proposed to be introduced in the Regional Rural Banks in Orissa during the said period; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) At present there are nine Regional Rural Banks which cover all the thirteen districts in Orissa. There is no proposal to start any new Regional Rural Bank in the State.

Reserve Bank of India has reported that in Orissa under the current branch licensing policy for 1985—90, sixty five centres have been allotted to Gramin Banks for opening branches and 136 centres have been allotted to other commercial banks. Of these the Regional Rural Banks are reported to have opened branches at 20 centres, and commercial banks at 70 centres.

(c) and (d) The following new Schemes in Orissa are proposed to be financed by Regional Rural Banks during 1988-89:—

(i) Construction of wells and installation of pumpsets under special foodgrains production Scheme in districts of Balasore, Ganjam, Puri, Cattack and Sambalpur.

(ii) Dryland farming under mini-water shed management and lift irrigation Schemes in districts of Bolangir and Sambalpur. The details